

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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INDO IRAN COOPERATION IN ENERGY SECTOR

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Iran to cooperate in energy sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the terms and conditions of the above agreement?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) : An Agreement on Trade & Economic Cooperation between the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Iran was signed on April 10, 2001, which includes an MOU on Co-operation in Power. The areas of co-operation include power generation, transmission, distribution and technology development. The agreement on trade and economic co-operation was valid for 5 years and automatically extended for successive one-year periods unless either of the contracting parties notifies other to the contrary.

A Memorandum of Understanding has also been signed between the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India and the Ministry of Petroleum of the Islamic Republic of Iran on January 27, 2003 for the purpose of cooperation in areas of mutual interest in the Hydrocarbon Sector.